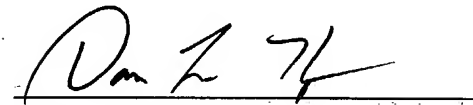


#### IV. REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 17-18 have been cancelled. Applicants request entry of the Preliminary Amendment.

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